

IN THE CLAIMS:

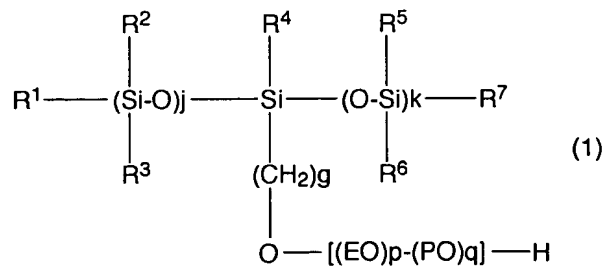
Claim 1 (currently amended) An ink composition comprising:

a pigment;
a dispersion resin for dispersing the pigment;
at least one alkanediol;
a glycol ether;
a polyether-modified polysiloxane compound;
a water-soluble organic solvent; and
water,

wherein the sum of all alkanediol and glycol ether in the ink composition is 10 wt% or more, but less than 20 wt%.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The ink composition according to Claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of alkanediol to glycol ether is in a range of 0.7 to 4.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The ink composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyether modified polysiloxane compound is a polyether modified organosiloxane compound represented in the following formula



wherein each of R¹ to R⁷ independently represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group; each of g, j, and k independently represents an integer number equal to 1 or greater; EO represents an ethyleneoxy group; PO represents a propyleneoxy group; p and q are both integer numbers equal to 0 or greater but the sum of p and q is an integer number equal to 1 or greater; and EO and PO may be random or block, regardless of the order in the square brackets [].

Claim 4 (previously presented) The ink composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one alkandiol is selected from the group consisting of 1,2-butanediol, 1,2-pentadiol, and 1,2-hexanediol.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The ink composition according to Claim 1, wherein the glycol ether comprises a polyhydric alcohol alkyl ether.

Claim 6 (original) The ink composition according to Claim 5, wherein the polyhydric alcohol alkyl ether is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monoethyl ether, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, triethylene glycol monomethyl ether, triethylene glycol monoethyl ether, and triethylene glycol monobutyl ether.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (original) The ink composition according to Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the pigment contained in the ink composition is 3.0 wt% or less in terms of solids.

Claim 9 (original) An ink set comprising the ink composition according to Claim 1.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A recording method for printing comprising (a) providing the ink composition according to claim 1, and (b) making the ink composition adhere to a recording medium.

Claim 11 (original) An inkjet recording method for printing by jetting drops of an ink composition onto a recording medium, wherein the ink composition according to Claim 1 is used as the ink composition for this method.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A recorded matter recorded by the recording method according to Claim 10.